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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Special Assistant to DCI

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SUBJECT : Modifications to the Draft Presidential Speech on the
Caribbean Basin for the 19 February 1982 NSC Meeting

Following our discussion today, I added the paragraph you wanted (see p 4a) and made various minor editorial changes. My suggestions for additions to the 16 February draft prepared by Mr. Bakshian can be summarized as follows:

- pp 4-4a - the stakes for the US -- expressed in terms of two possible futures in the region and three main interests;
- p 4b - the addition of a clear statement that two problems exist -- economic stress and the need to simultaneously cope with subversion and terrorists;
- pp 9-9a - the addition of a seventh item to the six-point program -- support for democratic political development (copy of Secretary Haig's 4 December 1981 OAS speech attached to this note);
- pp 9b-c - a more coherent description of Cuban support for subversion since 1959 in three continents and the facts about Nicaragua as a clear example of the Castro technique of deceiving and co-opting moderates, then excluding them from power and finally killing many as is beginning with the Misquitos (see Cord Meyer column of 12 February 1982, attached to this note);
- p 9d - the connection between guerrilla violence and economic deterioration.

Deletions Suggested

- pp 1-2 - both at the beginning and the end of the speech, there are p 14 unnecessary and historically inaccurate apologies for past US actions.

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P.S. - Also attached is a front page article from today's Washington Post from Mexican training of a quick reaction anti-guerrilla force.